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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

[SALISH KOOTENAI COLLEGE OFFERS BA IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION](#)

By ALYSSA KELLY, Char-Koosta News (9/20/07)

PABLO — The Salish and Kootenai College is expanding their Elementary Education Associate's degree to a Bachelor-level degree for the fall of 2007. The addition to the program will encourage native college students to pursue teaching positions that will serve in the overall need for native representation in education throughout Indian country.

[CONFERENCE ADDRESSES NATIVE AMERICAN DOMESTIC/SEXUAL VIOLENCE](#)

Swaney gives keynote address

By MAGGIE PLUMMER, Char-Koosta News



Keynote speaker Gyda Swaney accepted several gifts from MCADSV conference organizers, immediately following her talk. (Maggie Plummer photo)

"We have 'equal opportunity violence' in Indian Country."

That's according to Gyda Swaney, PhD, a tribal member and a member of the clinical psychology faculty at the

University of Montana, who gave the keynote address at last week's 2007 Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV) annual conference.

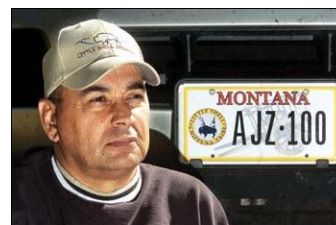
[PASSPORTS, FINANCIAL REPORTS & NEW FLAG DEBUT AT BLACKFOOT CONFERENCE](#)

By JOHN MCGILL, Glacier Reporter (09/19/07)

Blackfeet Councilwoman Betty Cooper reports that creating Blackfoot Confederacy passports for the U.S. and Canadian bands was the top item discussed at the Sept. 7 Confederacy Conference in Medicine Hat, Alberta. But the annual gathering also featured talks about financial reporting, enrollment and water rights, as well as celebrating the Confederacy's designing of a flag for the combined nation.

[LITTLE SHELL GET LICENSE PLATE](#)

By RICHARD PETERSON, Great Falls Tribune (09/16/07)



TRIBUNE PHOTO/RION SANDERS

James Parker Shield shows off the new license plate honoring the Little Shell Tribe. Parker Shield designed the plate.

It's only fitting that the designer of the newly released Little Shell Tribe license plates be the first to attach a set

to his vehicle.

Adorned with symbols related to the history and culture of the Little Shell Tribe, the plate designed by James Parker Shield joins the 86 other specialty plates available to Montana motorists, most of which are on the walls of each county treasurer's office.

"I feel proud," said Parker Shield, who purchased three sets of the new tribal plates for his family's vehicles this week. "This license plate is another way of reminding people that we're here."

LEADERS SAY PROCESS TO GAIN FEDERAL RECOGNITION TOO SLOW

By DIANA MARRERO, Great Falls Tribune

WASHINGTON — Leaders of American Indian tribes seeking federal recognition asked lawmakers for help Wednesday, saying the Bureau of Indian Affairs has taken too long to process their applications.

"With delay, comes a terrible human cost," said John Sinclair, president of the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, at a hearing of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee.

NATIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS NOT FEDERALLY FINANCED FOR 2008

by MARK FOGARTY, Indian Country Today© (09/11/07)

WASHINGTON - Native community development groups looking for their piece of a pot of federal money have been advised to change their strategy since the American Indian side of the program has yet to be funded.

The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, a unit of the Treasury Department, recently published its Notice of Funds Availability for fiscal 2008. The fund, which has a general category and a Native

category, is encouraging Native community development financial institutions to apply for the general round because of funding uncertainty for NACA (Native American CDFI awards). Native groups are eligible for the general funding as well as the NACA round.

MARKETING TIPS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

by: LUCINDA HUGHES-JUAN, Indian Country Today© (09/11/07)

In the business world, selling and marketing your products or services is a specialized skill. For some Native entrepreneurs, this is just one of the many areas they must learn to master in order to be successful in business. Poor or ineffective marketing is one of the top reasons a business fails; other reasons include poor financial management, undercapitalization and failure to meet with a changing environment.

For some, business skills may not come easy. We must become familiar with business concepts such as profit, pricing and promotion. In the Native environment, we are much more humble about pricing our products, and in some cases we find the value is less associated with monetary than with personal value. This may make it difficult to accept when we have to place a specific dollar value on some of our craft products. But today, even craftspeople must learn the business of selling and marketing in order to fully engage in a self-sustaining hobby or livelihood, given all costs considered.

JOB VACANCIES:

DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATION

NETWORK SYSTEMS ANALYST, POSITION #61166981, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$47,574 to \$69,000 DOQ. Senior project lead for the Network Operations Support Unit responsible for managing projects involving state agencies and vendors. Application deadline: Friday October 5, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_S EQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=258

WEB DEVELOPER, POSITION #61166495, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$48,188 to \$60,235 DOQ. Responsible for the development, support and maintenance of government services. Application deadline Friday October 5, 2007 at

5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_S EQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=257

PROGRAM SPECIALIST, POSITION #61166822, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$27,398 to \$34,248 DOQ. This position is responsible for custodial contract administration and maintaining and coordinating the recycling program for state agencies. **Application deadline: Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at 5 p.m.** For a complete vacancy announcement, contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_S EQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=256

BENEFITS AND CLINICAL MANAGER, POSITION #61166016, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$32,867 to \$41,084 DOQ. Works in planning, directing and managing the Division's self-insured, optional, and supplemental employee benefits. Application deadline 5:00 p.m. October 9, 2007. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_S EQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=254

DEPT. OF COMMERCE

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER, POSITION #: 66827, State of Montana, Department of Commerce, Management Services Helena. Salary: \$51,097 - \$65,149. DOQ. Applications must be returned to your local Job Service or to the Department of Commerce, Personnel, PO Box 200501, Helena MT 59620-0501 no later than 5:00 pm, October 5, 2007. The Montana Department of Commerce will accept FAXED application materials and electronic application materials via E-mail to docapplicants@mt.gov. For a complete vacancy announcement, contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_S EQ=1634&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=1261

GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:



APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE OCTOBER 31, 2007

The Fannie Mae Foundation, in collaboration with the Partnership to End Long Term Homelessness, will present four awards to nonprofit or nonprofit/for profit collaborations to recognize outstanding development of supportive and affordable housing for homeless individuals and families. The Maxwell Awards of Excellence program showcases the outstanding work of nonprofit organizations in developing and maintaining affordable housing. Each 2007 Maxwell Awards recipient will receive a \$75,000 grant to continue its work in the field of supportive and affordable housing for homeless individuals and families.

"As we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Help the Homeless program, we're extremely pleased to team up with the Partnership to End Long Term Homelessness to identify and highlight some of the most creative and innovative affordable and supportive housing developments for homeless individuals and families across the country," said Peter Beard, executive director of the Fannie Mae Foundation.

Organizations from across the country are invited to submit applications for projects.

ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION COMMUNITY HEALTH LEADERS

2007-2008 Call for Nominations

Deadline: **Oct 19, 2007**

Program Area: [Building Human Capital](#)

Purpose: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Community Health Leaders program (CHL) each year honors 10 outstanding and otherwise unrecognized individuals who overcome daunting odds to expand access to health care and social services to underserved populations in communities across the United States. The program aims to elevate the work of these unsung heroes through enhanced recognition, technical assistance and leadership development opportunities.

Program Information: [Call for Proposals \(PDF\)](#)
[Overview \(PDF\)](#)

How To Apply: *Please read the Program Details before applying.
[Apply Online](#)

Eligibility & Selection Criteria: RWJF Community Health Leaders are identified through a nomination process. Nominees are expected to:

- be accomplished in the field of community health at the midcareer level;
- have created or substantially enhanced a health or health care initiative in their community;
- have positively affected a significant number of people in the target community;
- have received limited national recognition in the past;
- be affiliated with a public entity or tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and
- be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States or its territories at the time of application.

Key Dates:

- October 19, 2007 (5 p.m. ET)—Deadline for receipt of brief nominations.

- November 16, 2007—Nominators notified if candidate is selected to move to full nomination.

- January 11, 2008 (5 p.m. ET)—Deadline for receipt of full nominations.

Total Award:

- Ten awards in the amount of \$125,000 each will be made for the 2008 award cycle.
- Each new leader receives \$20,000 directly to recognize past accomplishments; \$105,000 goes to benefit the organization with which the leader is associated.

Contact: Helen Dundas, administrative coordinator
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<http://www.communityhealthleaders.org>

AT&T FOUNDATION COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM

Integrating Wireless Technology into Education Delivery

In September 2007, the AT&T Foundation launched a \$1.5 million [competitive grant program](#) to help 501(c)(3) public charities and government instrumentalities integrate wireless communications technology into educational outreach projects. The program is designed to help nonprofits deliver educational content and create innovative learning opportunities in the communities they serve.

The AT&T Foundation will award one-time, education-focused, wireless technology grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$25,000 to offset the cost of wireless service or to support the purchase of wireless hardware, including mobile phones, routers, or handsets.

Examples of eligible projects under the grant program include:

Enrichment of museum visits by development of audio and video content accessible from visitors' mobile phones

Creation of Wi-Fi Hot Spots for students and community members to access educational online content

Development of educational curriculum designed for access from wireless devices, such as mobile handsets and PDAs

Delivery of supplemental educational content via mobile phone calls, text messages, and/or Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS)

Development of community education podcasts

EVENTS/TRAINING:

Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Training Opportunities

Vacancies exist in the offerings for the 1st semester of 2008 courses at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland. For more information, please go to: www.training.fema.gov/emiweb; or contact the Admissions Office at (301) 447-1035 or via email at netc-admissions@dhs.gov. Send **completed** applications to your State Training Officer for approval. The State will then forward them to Admissions.
If interested, apply immediately!

As of 9/14/07

Applications for course vacancies must be received at least 6 weeks before the course start date for the applicant to be considered for the course. Vacancies within 6 weeks of the course start date shall only be filled from the established waitlist, so it's important to apply early!

Held at National Emergency Training Center

E155	Building Design for Homeland Security 3/25-27/08	22 vacancies
E170	Advanced HAZUS MH for Hurricane 2/4-7/08	22 vacancies
E172	Advanced HAZUS MH for Flood 1/14-17/08	19 vacancies
E190	Intro to ARCGIS for HZ MH Users 2/25-28/08	22 vacancies
E270	Managing Flood.Dev.through NFIP TTT	

	12/3-6/07	25 vacancies
	3/31-4/3/08	25 vacancies
E276	Benefit-Cost Analysis: Entry – Level 11/13-15/07	10 vacancies
E278	NFIP: Community Rating System 2/25-28/08	24 vacancies
E282	Advanced Floodplain Management Concepts 11/12-15/07	30 vacancies
E313	Basic HazUs Multi-Hazards 12/3-6/07	11 vacancies
E317	Comp Data Management for HAZUS MH 3/17-20/08	25 vacancies
E362	MultiHazard Emergency Planning for Schools TTT 2/11-14/08	40 vacancies
E376	State Pub Assist Operations 3/3-6/08	19 vacancies
E430	EMAC Train-the-Trainer 10/29-11/1/07	6 vacancies
E449	ICS Curricula TTT 10/29-11/1/07	15 vacancies
	1/21-24/08	22 vacancies
	2/4-7/08	30 vacancies
	3/31-4/3/08	29 vacancies
E580	Emergency Management Framework for Tribal Govt 3/10-14/08	32 vacancies
E601	Mgmt. & Supervision of Training 3/3-7/08	9 vacancies
E603	Instructional Design 1/28-2/1/08	6 vacancies
E604	Course Development 2/25-28/08	7 vacancies
E609	Master Trainer Practicum Workshop 11/26-30/07	12 vacancies
E900	IEMC/All Haz Prepared & Response 11/12-16/07	47 vacancies
	3/10-14/08	32 vacancies
E901	IEMC/All Haz Recovery & Mitigation 11/26-30/07	61 vacancies
	3/17-21/08	49 vacancies
E905	IEMC/Hurricane: Prepared & Response 1/14-18/08	53 vacancies
E906	IEMC/Hurricane: Recovery & Mitigation 1/21-25/08	53 vacancies
E915	IEMC: Homeland Security 1/7-11/08	57 vacancies
	3/3 – 7/08	59 vacancies
E920	IEMC/Haz. Mat.: Prepared & Response 2/4-8/08	62 vacancies